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Letter dated 17 May 2010 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter dated 16 May 2010 addressed to you from His Excellency Mr. Ahmed bin Abdullah al-Mahmoud, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of the State of Qatar (see annex), with its enclosure, a statement issued on 16 May 2010 by the Joint Mediation on the conflict in Darfur.

I would highly appreciate the transmission of the present letter and its annex to the President of the United Nations Security Council and its issuance as a document of the Council.

(*Signed*) Abu Ahmed S. **al-Khuri**
Ambassador
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Annex to the letter dated 17 May 2010 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

[Original: Arabic]

I have the honour to transmit herewith copies in English and Arabic of the statement issued on 10 May 2010 by the Joint Mediation, which indicates that the Mediation will present to the parties, before the end of May 2010, a plan for the peace process that includes the resumption in Doha of direct negotiations between the parties to the conflict and the participation of civil society in the peace process.

(*Signed*) Ahmad bin Abdullah **al-Mahmoud**
Minister of State for Foreign Affairs

Enclosure

[Original: Arabic]

Statement by the Mediation

H.E. Mr. Ahmed Bin Abdullah Al-Mahmoud, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of the State of Qatar, and H.E. Mr. Djibrill Bassole, the African Union/United Nations Joint Chief Mediator for Darfur, issued the following statement:-

In order to resume the Darfur negotiations, which were suspended on 7 April 2010, because of the electoral calendar in Sudan, the Mediation held today a working session with a view to determining the modalities of resuming the peace process in Doha.

The Mediation thereafter met with the delegation of the Government of the Sudan, led by Dr. Amin Hassan Omer, who confirmed the preparedness of the Government to continue the negotiations in Doha with the Darfurian armed movements within the context of the Framework Agreements signed in Doha between the Government of Sudan (GoS) and the Justice and Equality Movement Sudan (JEM) on 23 February 2010, and between the Government of Sudan (GoS) and the Liberation and Justice Movement (LJM) on 18 March 2010. The Mediation welcomed such a stance.

In another context, the Mediation called on all parties to halt military operations in Darfur, in accordance with the commitments embodied in the Framework Agreements, with a view to creating an environment of confidence and tranquillity necessary for conducting a constructive dialogue for peace.

The Mediation also called on parties to consolidate unity and undertake to remain engaged in the talks to reach a lasting peace agreement.

The Mediation further welcomed the communiqué issued by the African Union Consultative Meeting on the Sudan, held in Addis Ababa on 8 May 2010, in which the international community stressed the necessity of pursuing negotiations within the context of the signed framework agreements, that all the parties, including civil society must take part in the negotiations which must continue in Qatar.

The Mediation invited in particular the Justice and Equality Movement to resume negotiations without any conditions and within an inclusive process that ensures the conclusion of a lasting peace in Darfur.

The Mediation will present to the parties a programme identifying the modalities of the peace process, including the resumption of direct negotiations in Doha between the parties to the conflict, the participation of the civil society in the peace process before the end of the current month of May.

Doha, 16 May 2010